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Department of Water Resources
Native American Heritage Commission
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
State Coastal Conservancy
State Lands Commission
State Water Resources Control Board
University of California
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Reclamation
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA
National Marine Fisheries Service
National Park Service
USDA Forest Service
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Geological Survey
Western Ecological Research Center, USGS
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
California State Association of Counties
Central Coast Regional Association of County Supervisors
North Coastal Counties Supervisors Association
Northern California Counties Supervisors Association
Regional Council of Rural Counties
San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of County Supervisors
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TO: CBC MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM: MARY D. NICHOLS, CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY;
MIKE POOL, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA BIODIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE—FEB. 13, 2003

We have the pleasure to announce the next meeting of the CBC to be held in Sacramento on Thursday, February 13, 2003. This one-day meeting will explore environmental justice (EJ) and related issues in California. After a brief overview of the EJ movement and government responses to it, a panel of interested communities will share their perspectives with an opportunity for open dialogue.

The second panel will discuss environmental justice and its relevance to natural resource management. We will hear about some of our department's Environmental Justice programs as well as learning first hand the consequences of our actions on underserved communities. Former CBC member, Felicia Marcus (Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Trust for Public Land), will once again join the CBC at lunch to share her experiences with EJ as the former administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX. The afternoon program will include a panel discussion of challenges and successes at the agency level as well as a discussion about the future of environmental justice in California.

The meeting agenda and reservation forms are enclosed. We request confirmation of attendance; please return the registration form even if you are attending the onsite luncheon. Please contact Erin Klaesius, Communications Coordinator, with any questions (916.227.2661, erin.klaesius@fire.ca.gov).

We urge you to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to learn more about environmental justice and participate in important discussions for California.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary for Resources
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State Director, California
Bureau of Land Management